

# **DRUMMER JOKES**

## **Q & A:**

What do you call someone who hangs around with musicians?  
A drummer.

What did the drummer get on his IQ test?  
Drool.

How can you tell when the stage riser is level?  
The drool comes out of both sides of the drummer's mouth.

What's the last thing a drummer says in a band?  
"Hey, guys - why don't we try one of my songs?"

What did the professional drummer say when he got to his job?  
"Would you like fries with that?"

How is a drum solo like a sneeze?  
You can tell it's coming, but you can't do anything about it.

Johnny says to his mom, "I want to be a drummer when I grow up!"  
Mom replies, "But Johnny, you can't do both."

How can you tell a drummer's at the door?  
The knocking speeds up.

How can you tell when a drummer's at the door?  
He doesn't know when to come in

What do you call a drummer without a wife?  
Homeless.

What do Ginger Baker and black coffee have in common?  
They both suck without Cream.

What do you call a drummer with original ideas?  
Unemployed.

What do you call a drummer with half a brain?  
Gifted.

What do you call a drummer with half a brain?  
Overqualified.

What do you call a Drummer in a Volkswagen?  
Farfromthinken.

"Hey buddy, how late does the band play?"  
"Oh, about a half beat behind the drummer."

Why is a drum machine better than a drummer?  
Because it can keep good time and won't steal your girlfriend.

Why are bad drummers better than drum machines?  
You don't have to plug 'em in to get something stiff, mechanical and uninspired.

Hey, did you hear about the drummer who finished high school?  
Me either.

How can you make a drummer slow down?  
Put a sheet of music in front of him

How can you make that drummer stop?  
Put notes on it!

Why do guitarists put drumsticks on the dash of their car?  
So they can park in the handicapped spot.

How do you get a drummer off your porch?  
Pay him for the pizza.

How can you make a drummer's car more aerodynamic?  
Take the Pizza sign off of it.

Why do bands have bass players?  
To translate for the drummer.

How can you tell a drummer is walking behind you?  
You can hear his knuckles dragging on the ground.

I asked my drummer to spell "Mississippi"..  
He said, "The river or the state?"

Why are drummers always losing their watches?  
Everyone knows they have trouble keeping time.

What do you call 10 drummers in a drum circle?  
A dope ring.

Did you hear about the drummer who lost his pet dog?  
He didn't bother to put an ad in the newspaper... he says his dog can't read.

What do you call a beautiful woman on a drummer's arm?  
A tattoo.

Why do drummers have lots of kids?  
They're not too good at the Rhythm Method.

How do you get a drummer to play an accelerando?  
Ask him to play in 4/4 at a steady 120 bpm.

What do you do if you accidentally run over a drummer?

Back up.

What's the biggest lie told to a drummer?

Hang on a minute and I'll help you with your gear.

What did the drummer say to the bandleader?

Do you want me to play too fast or too slow?

Why are bass player jokes so short?

So drummers can remember them.

Did you hear about the time the bass player locked his keys in the car? It took two hours to get the drummer out.

Two drummers walk into a bar... which is funny because you would have figured the second one would have seen the first guy do it.

Why do drummers have one more brain cell than a horse?

So that when marching in a parade, they can avoid the horse droppings on the road.

Why are band intermissions limited to 20 minutes?

So you don't have to retrain the drummers.

One friend to another: "Why do you hang around with that drummer??"

"Beats me!"

What do you call a dozen drummers at the bottom of the sea?

A good start!!

How many drummers does it take to wallpaper a room?

Three, if you slice them thin enough!

How do you call a drummer?

You can't. They don't pay their phone bill.

What should you call a drummer?

It doesn't matter. They won't listen anyway.

What's the best protection the Secret Service could have against a Presidential assassination?

Make a drummer the Vice-President.

How do you get two drummers to play in time?

Shoot one.

Why'd the chicken cross the road?

To get away from the drum solo.

What do you tell a drummer with two black eyes?

Nothing - you've already told him twice!

What does it mean when a drummer is in your bed gasping for breath and calling your name?  
You didn't hold the pillow down long enough.

What's the similarity between a drummer and a philosopher?  
They both perceive time as an abstract concept.

How do you get a drummer to stop biting his nails?  
Make him wear shoes.

What is the dynamic range of a drum set?  
On and off.

What do you call a drummer with a pager?  
An optimist.

What's the definition of a gentleman?  
Someone who knows how to play the drums and doesn't.

Why are drummers' sticks like lightning?  
They rarely strike the same spot twice.

If you drop a drum set and a watermelon off a tall building, which will hit the ground first?  
Who cares?

What do you do if you find a drum set in a trashcan?  
Leave it.

What is perfect pitch?  
Tossing a drum set into a trashcan without hitting the sides.

How do you make a drummer's eyes light up?  
Shine a flashlight in his ear.

What's the difference between a bass drum and a snare drum?  
The bass drum burns longer.

What's the difference between a drum set and a chainsaw?  
You can pawn the chainsaw.

What's the best thing to play on a drum set?  
Solitaire.

What's the ideal weight for a drummer?  
Four and a half pounds, including the urn.

Where does one find the obituaries of drummers?  
Under "Civic Improvements."

What's worse than telling jokes about drummers?  
Laughing at them!

What do you call a drummer in a three-piece suit?  
The defendant.

Why did the punk rock drummer cross the road?  
He was stapled to the chicken.

What do you call a drummer with charm, personality, and charisma?  
A guitar player!

What do you call a drummer with a credit card?  
Married

How does a drummer count 7/4 time?  
One-two-three-four-five-six-se-ven.

What do you get if you drop a drummer off the Leaning Tower of Pisa?  
Applause.

How many drummer jokes are there?  
Only two or three, all the rest are the truth.

How do you know when a drum solo's really bad?  
The bass player notices.

What do you call the part of a gig when everyone goes to the bar?  
The drum solo.

Did you hear about the drummer that got an AM radio?  
It took him a month to figure out he could also play it at night.

How can you tell if a drummer has been doing the crossword?  
All the squares have been colored in.

What do you call a head injury at a drummer's convention in Moscow?  
A concussion at the Russian percussion discussion.

What do you call a hot tub full of drummers?  
Vegetable soup.

Why are drummers' sticks like lightning?  
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Why can't a gorilla play drums?  
They're too sensitive.

What is the definition of a drum solo?  
Proof that drummers don't know how to stop.

What do you get when you hand a drummer a set of sleigh bells?  
Dumbbells.

## **WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE...?:**

What's the difference between a drum machine and a drummer?  
You only have to punch the information into the drum machine once.

What's the difference between a large pizza and a drummer?  
The pizza can feed a family of four.

What's the difference between a high school drumline and shoes in a dryer?  
Nothing

What's the difference between a bad drummer and a vacuum cleaner?  
You have to plug one of them in before it sucks.

What's the difference between a savings bond and a drummer?  
Someday the bond will mature and make some money.

What's the difference between a chiropodist and a bad drummer?  
A chiropodist bucks up your feet!

What's the difference between a drum set and an onion?  
No one cries when you chop up a drum set.

What's the difference between a drum set and a trampoline?  
You take off your shoes when you jump on a trampoline.

What's the difference between a dead snake in the road and a dead drummer in the road?  
Skid marks in front of the snake.

What's the difference between a dead drummer and a dead country singer in the road?  
The country singer may have been on the way to a recording session.

What's the difference between a drummer and dripping faucet?  
The faucet has a sense of rhythm.

What's the difference between a drummer and a jet plane?  
About three decibels.

What is the difference between a paperboy and a drummer?  
Paperboy doesn't have to bum a ride.

What's the difference between a catfish and a drummer?  
One's a scum-sucking bottom dweller, and the others a fish...

What's the difference between a drummer and a roadie?  
The roadie can count to more than 4.

What's the difference between a drummer and a percussionist.  
Oh, about three hundred dollars a week.

## **LIGHTBULB:**

### ***How many drummers does it take to change a light bulb?***

Five; One to screw the bulb in, and four to talk about how much better Neil Peart could have done it.

Just one; so long as the roadie gets the ladder, sets it up and puts the bulb in the socket for him.

Only one; but he'll break ten bulbs before figuring out that they can't just be pushed in.

Two; one to hold the bulb, and one to turn his throne (but only after they figure out that you have to turn the bulb).

Twenty; one to hold the bulb, and nineteen to drink until the room spins.

Only one; he holds it and the world revolves around him.

None; they have a machine to do that now.

"Why? Oh, wow! Is it like dark, man?"

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

If thine enemy wrongs thee, buy each of his children a drum. - Ancient Proverb

Oxymoron: Snare Drum Music & Professional Drummer

Overheard: "Will the musicians please come to the stage. Oh, and the drummer too."

A phrase you'll never hear on a tour bus: "Hey, shouldn't we go back for the drummer?"

Two people were walking down the street. One was a drummer. The other didn't have any money either.

From the Drummers Dictionary: Accelerando, n. drum fill; solo

Four drummers in a van went over a cliff and died. What was the real tragedy?  
You can fit eight drummers in a van.

## STORIES:

A guy wanted to play bass in a band. The band told him, "Okay, but you will have to have 1/3 of your brain removed." So the guy went into surgery. When he woke up, the doctor said, "I'm terribly sorry, but we made a mistake and accidentally removed 3/4's of your brain instead. You're now a drummer".

Two guys, Chuck and Duane, are on a safari in the jungle. In the distance can be heard native drumming. Their guide, Bula, says, "Me don't like sound of drumming, very bad." For hours the trio traipse through the jungle with the constant sound of the drums beginning to get closer. The whole time Bula keeps saying, "Very bad, drumming very bad." Finally Chuck and Duane can't take it any longer and scream in unison, "Why is the drumming so bad?!"

Bula says, "Substitute drummer!"

A couple hours later the drumming suddenly stops. Bula says, "Oh no, bad, very bad when drums stop." Chuck and Duane a of course freaked out by this and once again ask in unison, "Why?"

"Bass solo," Bula replies.

A New York drummer by the name of Joe was out of work and desperately searching for a gig. He went to the union office where they told him about plentiful jobs in Greece. "Greece?", the drummer said. The union representative replied, "Hey, do you want to work or don't you?". So the man packed his bags and headed off to Greece. He was to meet up with an old guy by the name of Tarek at a small pub near the town of Perin. Upon his arrival, he located the pub but Tarek was nowhere to be found.

He tracked Tarek down later by phone. He said he needed him for a last minute wedding gig tonight at the Oasis hotel. There would be over 400 guests but unfortunately there wouldn't be time for a rehearsal. Tarek said, "Just show up with your drums and be ready to play." Well, the NY drummer wasn't that nervous. He had played hundreds of wedding gigs back in New York and he was just happy to have some work.

Joe arrived at the hotel on time. The whole band was there except the bandleader, Tarek. He set up his drums and patiently awaited for the old guy. Tarek finally arrived 5 minutes before they were supposed to go on. He frantically set up his music stand and raised his arm to lead the band. "Wait!, shouted the NY drummer, what are we playing?" Tarek looked at him calmly (knowing he was a professional drummer) and stated, "Just relax and give me strong backbeats on 7 and 13."

A lady walks into a store and tells the man behind the counter she would like some musician brains. "Alright" he says, "What kind?".

"How much do they cost?" she asks.

"Well, those there are trumpeters at \$5 a pound, those are French horns at \$7 a pound, and those are conductors' at \$10 a pound." He replies.

"What are those way back there?" she asks.

"Those are drummers brains. They cost \$100 a pound." He replies.

"GOODNESS!!", she exclaims, "Why are they so expensive?"

"Lady, do you realize how many drummers it takes to get a pound of brains?!?!".

St. Peter was checking ID's at the pearly gates. He asks the first man, "What did you do on Earth?" The man replied, "I was a doctor." St. Peter says, "OK, go right through those two shiny gates to your left.

"Next person! What did you do on Earth?" , "I was a school teacher."

"OK, ..through those two gates and to the left

..Next! ..And what did you do on Earth?" . "Oh, I was a drummer."

"All right, go around to the back door, up the freight elevator, through the kitchen and..."

A customer walks into the brand new store downtown that sells brains. There are three glass cases, each containing a nice wet quivering gray brain. The first one says "SCIENTIST", and it costs \$100. The second says "ELECTRICIAN" and costs \$1000. The third says "DRUMMER" and costs \$10,000. The customer is confused, and questions the salesperson.

"I don't get it...why would I want a drummer's brain for \$10,000 when I can get an scientist's brain for \$100?"

The salesman replied, "Because, it's never been used."

An amateur drummer died and went to heaven. He was waiting outside the pearly gates when he heard the most incredible fast and furious drumming coming from within. Immediately he recognized the playing and rushed to ask St. Peter if that was Buddy Rich playing drums inside the gates. St. Peter responded: "No, that's God. He just thinks he's Buddy Rich."

To get this joke, you probably have to know about the legendary unpopularity of Buddy Rich amongst his band...

A horn player who had been playing with Buddy Rich for many years came back from vacation to hear a rumor that Buddy had died. He didn't quite believe it, so he phoned Buddy's wife and said "Can I speak to Buddy please?"

Buddy's wife said, "I'm sorry, Buddy passed away last week."

"Oh, I'm sorry to hear that," he said, and hung up.

A couple of hours later, he called her again. "Is Buddy there please?"

"No, I'm sorry. Buddy's no longer with us," said Buddy's wife. And hung up the phone.

Ten minutes later, he called Buddy's wife again. "Can I speak to Buddy please?" he said.

She recognized his voice, and said: "Look, I've told you before, BUDDY'S DEAD!" And slammed down the phone.

Two minutes later, and the phone rang again... "Is Buddy at home please?" the horn player asked.

Buddy's wife was furious. "I'm not going to tell you again, Buddy is dead.. D. E. A. D., DEAD. Why do you keep calling me to ask for Buddy????!!!!"

The horn player replied, .."I just love hearing you say it."

If a dollar bill was laying in the center of a room, and the Easter Bunny, Santa Claus, a drummer with good time, and a drummer with bad time were standing in the corners, who would get the money?

The drummer with bad time since the other three don't exist.

At a live gig, the bass player leans over to the drummer and says "Can't you play a little more dynamic?". The drummer says "I'm already playing as loud as I can!"

A drummer, tired of being ridiculed by his peers, decides to learn how to play some "real" musical instruments. He goes to a music store, walks in, approaches the store clerk, and says "I'll take that red trumpet over there and that accordion."  
The store clerk looks at him a bit funny, and replies "OK, you can have the fire extinguisher but the radiator's got to stay".

A young drummer girl was walking along the street when she heard..

"Psst! Down here!"

She looked down and saw a frog sitting by the curb. The frog says to her, "Hey, if you kiss me I'll turn into a world famous drummer and make you rich and famous!" She thought for a moment and reached down, grabbed the frog and stuffed it in her pocket.

A woman standing nearby witnessing the whole event said, "What did you do that for?"

The girl replied, "I'm not stupid. I know a talking frog is worth heaps more than a famous drummer any day!"

A guy walks into a shop. "You got one of them Marshall Hiwatt AC30 amplification thingies and a Gibson StratoBlaster geetar with a Fried Rose tremolo?" "You're a drummer, aren't you?" "Duh, yeah. How'd you know?" "This is a travel agency."

Two salesmen are in a bar. One says to the other, "I bet you I can relate to anyone in this bar, I'm such a good salesman." The other replies, "You think so, huh? Well, sure. But I pick the guys." "Ok," says the first, "you're on." The other grabs the guy sitting at the table next to them and tells the first salesman, "Here, this one." This first subject is dressed in a three-piece suit and is carrying Wall Street Week. The salesman asks him, "What's your IQ?" "190." So they chat for a while about the stock market, particle physics, and Non-Euclidean geometry. "Ok," says the other salesman, "That was pretty good, but you still have two to go." He looks around and grabs a guy dressed in jeans, a tee shirt, and a baseball cap worn backwards. The salesman asks him "What's your IQ?" "About 100." So THEY chat for a while about baseball, cars, and the various women in the bar. "Fine," says the other salesman, "But there's still one to go." He goes to the back of the bar and grabs a really scummy looking guy in a muscle shirt and shorts. The salesman asks him "What's your IQ?" "About 60." "What kind of sticks do you use?"

There is a bar with a bunch of drummers in it and they are all yelling "51 days, 51 days!" and more and more keep coming in, they are all ordering drinks and yelling "51 days! 51 days!" the bartender has a puzzled look on his face as more and more come into the bar and order more and more drinks and chant and chant. Finally, the bartender asks one of the drummers why they are all celebrating and chanting "51 days! 51 days!" the drummer answers with, "well, we all just finished a puzzle in 51 days and the box said 2 to 4 years!"

A drummer walks into a library and says: "Hi I'll have a burger, fries, and a large coke." The librarian responds: Shhhh....do you know where you are? This is a library!" The drummer, sheepishly, and in a whisper says: "Sorry....I'll have a burger, fries and a large coke."

A woman goes to the doctor, who has the results of a recent blood test;  
Doc: "I'm sorry to say it's not good news, you only have 6 months to live."  
Woman: "Oh Dear, that's terrible. What can I do?"  
Doc: "Well, you could try marrying a drummer"  
Woman: "Will that make me live longer?"  
Doc: "No, it'll still be 6 months, but it will seem like a lot longer".

In the summer of 1969, a mail sorter at a New York post office received a letter addressed "To The Greatest Drummer in the World." There was no address or return address and the sorter wasn't sure what to do.

Fortunately, there was a former drummer who worked the front counter of the Post Office who promptly found Max Roach's address and forwarded the letter. Max Roach received the letter and said, "Oh no, I'm not the greatest drummer in the world." Max then promptly forwarded the letter to Gene Krupa, who said "Somebody must've made a mistake."

Gene then forwarded the letter on to Buddy Rich (known for his incredible ego and abuse of his band members for every little mistake they made). Of course, Buddy had been waiting his entire life for that moment. He read the words "To The Greatest Drummer in the World" and smiled from ear-to-ear as he ripped open the envelope.  
He began to read the letter, "Dear Ringo...."

A drummer goes in for a haircut but refuses to take off his Walkman. The hairdresser does as best he can and then asks again if the headphones could come off again, just for a moment so he can finish the job, but the drummer refuses and says that it might kill him to take them off. The hairdresser can't sit and look at this dodgy haircut so he just rips them off and finishes the job. After about 30 seconds the drummer just collapses in his seat and is dead. The hairdresser can't resist listening to this life giving music, so puts on the headphones and hears "Breathe in, breathe out, breathe in, breathe out....."

The guy with the whip on a ancient ship with 100 slaves pulling oars and with a drummer who pounds out the tempo of the rowing steps up at the beginning of the day and announces: "Attention! I have good news and bad news! The good news is the drummer is sick today!"

Slaves: "Yea!"

Slave Master; "The bad news is Dave Weckl is filling in!"

Slaves: "Groan!!!!"

How about the drummer who kept getting fired for having bad time.  
He became so depressed that he went to the railroad tracks and threw himself behind a train.

A guy walks into a bar and says to the bartender "I've got a great drummer joke, shall I tell it?"  
"I should let you know first that I'm a drummer," replies the bartender.  
"That's okay, I'll tell it real slow!"

After Quasimodo's death, the bishop of the cathedral of Notre Dame sent word through the streets of Paris that a new bell ringer was needed. The bishop decided that he would conduct the interviews personally and went up into the belfry to begin the screening process. After observing several applicants demonstrate their skills, he decided to call it a day when a lone, armless man approached him and announced that he was there to apply for the bell ringer's job. The bishop was incredulous.

"You have no arms!"

"No matter," said the man, "observe!" He then began striking the bells with his face, producing a beautiful melody on the carillon. The bishop listened in astonishment, convinced that he had finally found a suitable replacement for Quasimodo. Suddenly, rushing forward to strike a bell, the armless man tripped, and plunged headlong out of the belfry window to his death in the street below. The stunned bishop rushed to his side.

When he reached the street, a crowd had gathered around the fallen figure, drawn by the beautiful music they had heard only moments before.

As they silently parted to let the bishop through, one of them asked, "Bishop, who was this man?"

"I don't know his name," the bishop sadly replied, "but his face rings a bell."

The following day, despite the sadness that weighed heavily on his heart due to the unfortunate death of the armless campanologist (now there's a trivia question for you), the bishop continued his interviews for the bell ringer of Notre Dame. The first man to approach him said, "Your Excellency, I am the brother of the poor, armless wretch that fell to his death from this very belfry yesterday. I pray that you honor his life by allowing me to replace him in this duty." The bishop agreed to give the man an audition, and as the armless man's brother stooped to pick up a mallet to strike the first bell, he groaned, clutched at his chest and died on the spot. Two monks, hearing the bishop's cries of grief at this second tragedy, rushed up the stairs to his side.

"What has happened?" the first breathlessly asked, "Who is this man?"

"I don't know his name," sighed the distraught bishop, "but he's a dead ringer for his brother."

A bass player and a guitarist were seated next to a drummer on an overseas flight. After a few cocktails, the men began discussing their home lives. "Last night I made love to my wife four times," the bass player bragged, "and this morning she made me delicious crepes and she told me how much she adored me." "Ah, last night I made love to my wife six times," the guitarist responded, "and this morning she made me a wonderful omelet and told me she could never love another man." When the drummer remained silent, the guitarist smugly asked, "And how many times did you make love to your wife last night?" "Once," he replied. "Only once?" the bass player arrogantly snorted. "And what did she say to you this morning?" "Don't stop."

A guy walks into the doctor's office and says, "Doc, I haven't had a bowel movement in a week!" The doctor gives him a prescription for a mild laxative and tells him, "If it doesn't work, let me know." A week later the guy is back: "Doc, still no movement!" The doctor says, "Hmm, guess you need something stronger," and prescribes a powerful laxative. Still another week later the poor guy is back: "Doc, STILL nothing!" The doctor, worried, says, "We'd better get some more information about you to try to figure out what's going on. What do you do for a living?" "I'm a musician, I play the drums." The doctor looks up and says, "Well, that's it! Here's \$10.00. Go get something to eat!"

A drummer left his drum in the back seat of his car, locked it securely and went to dinner. When he came back, the rear window of his car was broken out... And two more drums were in the back seat.

A drummer is playing a live gig, but keeps speeding up and slowing down. The singer is so fed up that he stops halfway through a song and shouts at the drummer "Do you know what TIME is?!" The drummer says "Sure. It's my favorite magazine."

A guitar player and a drummer were walking through a park one day. The guitar player said, "Hey look at that dog with one eye!" The drummer covers one eye and says, "Where?"

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A guy walked into a music store and said he wanted to buy one drum stick.  
"Yo man," said the assistant, "You lose one?"  
"No", said the guy, " I just found one".

**AND FINALLY:**

### ***THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER FROM THE PERCUSSIONIST'S PERSPECTIVE***

Oh, say can you BOOM, CRASH  
By the dawn's early BOOM, CRASH  
What so proudly we BOOM, CRASH  
At the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright BOOM, CRASH  
Through the perilous BOOM, CRASH  
O'er the ramparts we BOOM, CRASH  
Were so gallantly streaming?

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1...2...3... 2...2...3... 3...2...3... 4...2...3...

5...2...3... 6...2...3... 7...2...3... 8...2...Oh,

BOOM BOOM BOOM

BOOM BOOM BOOM

BOOM BOOM BOOM

BOOM BOOOOOOMMMM; BOOM

BOOM BOOM BOOM

BOOM BOOOOOOMMMM; BOOM

BOOM BOOM BOOM

BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOM!